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Mission

The Brookline Commission for Women strives to support women in all aspects of their lives and to promote the cultural, racial, and economic diversity of Brookline.

Goals

- To make ourselves visible as a resource for women in Brookline
- To collect and disseminate information on women's issues
- To cooperate with other Town agencies, other women's commissions, and other service organizations for addressing women's issues
- To raise funds in support of our mission
- To offer programming consistent with our mission
- To bring women in Brookline together.

Save the Date for two great upcoming events with the Brookline Commission for Women

1) **WeCan** (Women Entrepreneurs Collaborating and Networking) series presents an event on Social Media on Wednesday, April 28th at the Inner Space Yoga Studio at 17 Station Street, Brookline Village. 6:45 - Registration, networking and refreshments and 7:30 - Keynote and breakout sessions. Keynote by Leslie Poston, co-Author of *Twitter for Dummies*. Breakout sessions on how to use Twitter (Leslie Poston), website/emails (Sheri Gurock, Magic Beans), blogs (Dana Cordova, Sloane eZine), Facebook (Jesse Mermell, Selectwoman) and LinkedIn (JoAnne Starks, Transmyt Marketing). Great opportunity for new, current and prospective female entrepreneurs to meet, network and learn how to promote themselves and their businesses through social media. This event sponsored by the Brookline Commission for Women, the Brookline Chamber of Commerce and Brookline Economic Development. For more information, please call 617-730-2050 or email WeCan@gmail.com [Brookline](#)

2) **Seeking Happily Ever After - Are Modern Women Redefining the Fairy Tale?** A panel discussion among local authors, filmmakers and publishers who are examining this topic in-depth – discussing issues like biological clocks, balancing work and love, chivalry, independence, online dating. This panel should be a fun, up beat and refreshing look at the

choices facing modern women. Event moderator will be Beth Teitell, Author of *Drinking Problems at the Fountain of Youth* and Boston Globe correspondent and panelists include Brookline's own former Globe reporters Carey Goldberg and Beth Jones along with Pamela Ferdinand, co-Authors of *Three Wishes – A True Story of Good Friends, Crushing Heartbreak, and Astonishing Luck on Our Way to Love and Motherhood*, Michelle Cove, director and producer of the 2010 documentary film "Seeking Happily Ever After" and Dana Cordova, publisher and editor of *Sloane* eZine, online magazine for urbane women. This event will be held on Thursday, May 6th at Hunneman Hall, Main Library, 361 Washington Street, Brookline. 6:00pm - Refreshments and 6:30 – Moderated panel discussion.

For more information, please email
BCW@town.brookline.ma.us

BCW Programs

Annual Dress for Success Winter Coat Drive - Each year in November, the BCW holds a Winter Coat Drive for Dress for Success, a not-for-profit organization that offers services to underprivileged women entering the workforce. Each client receives one suit when she has a job interview and a week's worth of separates when she gets the job. Clothing needed includes: winter coats, gloves, scarves, shoes and accessories.

WeCan (formerly Women Who Launch) – The BCW, the Brookline Chamber of Commerce and Brookline Economic Development have joined together to bring a series of programming for current and prospective women entrepreneurs. A kick-off celebration & panel discussion was held at Newbury College on March 6

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, a workshop for “Effective Networking” was held on October 15

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and focused on mentoring.

A fourth event is being planned for April 28th on using Social Media to promote yourself and your business (see above for more info).

Women Who Inspire Us - Each March, the BCW holds an essay contest among 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Students are asked to write about a “Woman Who Inspires Me.” Students have written about mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, teachers, coaches, Big Sisters and mentors. The essay contest winners and the special woman in their lives are invited to a reception to honor these exceptional women who have impacted so many young people.

Woman of the Year - Each March, in celebration of National Women’s History Month, the BCW honors one woman from the community who has made a remarkable impact on the Town and people who live here. Past winners include: Attorney Sue Howard (2006), Domestic Violence Advocate Pat Norling (2007) and BEEP Principal Vicki Milstein (2008) and Hsiu-Lan Chang (2009). 2010 Woman of the Year is Molly Paul.

Making Cent\$ of Money Management Seminar for Women - Series of financial management seminars sponsored by the Bank of Canton, Jennifer A. Lynch Committee Against Domestic Violence and the Brookline Commission for Women. Events are FREE and open to the public. Please call 617-278-1482 or email

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to learn about upcoming seminars.

Forums and Events

Toxic Bust – Breast Cancer Awareness - In October 2008, the BCW partnered with the Brookline Health Department to show the documentary film, Toxic Bust, which explores the connection between toxic chemicals and breast cancer.

Body and Sold Reading – Human Trafficking Awareness - Last year, we co-sponsored a reading of Body and Sold which discussed the intertwined issues of sexual exploitation of teens, child abuse and neglect. This event was held as a fundraiser for the Brookline Teen Center.

Status of Women in Brookline - In 2006, the BCW held a “Forum on the Status of Women” to discuss how Brookline women fare in terms of health, politics and business.

Useful resources

MA Commission on the Status of Women: www.mass.gov/women

Nat'l Women's History Project: www.nwhp.org

Town of Brookline: www.town.brookline.ma.us

BCW Blog: <http://brooklinecommissionforwomen.blogspot.com>

Contact

Contact the Brookline Commission for Women Chair Casey Hatchett at 617-730-2734 or email BCW@town.brookline.ma.us

You can also join the Brookline Commission for Women at [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/BrooklineCommissionForWomen).

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